



## K2K SENIOR COMPANY SEPTEMBER 2018-MAY 2019 AUDITIONS MAY 2018

Seeing the hope and potential in every young person is the foundation of K2K Productions, YFC/Youth Unlimited Woodstock. A Senior Company for youth in grades 10-12 will be added for the 2018/19 season. These high school students will have the opportunity to attend a weekly theatre program to explore, develop their skills, perform in full scale productions and do so while exploring their faith and character. K2K Productions senior program will provide a safe and accepting place for youth.

Since 2005, YFC/Youth Unlimited Woodstock has had K2K Productions theatre program available for youth in grades 2-9. This year there are 120 students involved in 2 programs. This will continue in September with the expansion of the program.

Brian Belleth, Artistic Director shared, "the idea of providing a program for all youth through their teen years has been a desire of our team for some time now. Our community has been asking and now we are prepared to have this exciting addition with the support of our community. We are thrilled and grateful for the timing". There is a growing need in Oxford to provide opportunities for youth to explore their gifts and talents. Theatre is a big draw for Oxford residents and our local talent needs opportunities to expand their growth and share their gifts. Auditions for K2K Senior Company will take place in May 2018. Twenty students will then participate in a regular, weekly program starting this fall.

"I believe K2K Productions provides our young people an amazing opportunity to build meaningful connections with adult mentors at a time in their life when other adult voices are needed to help support them and their families," said Andrew Downing, longtime K2K Volunteer and Director of Peter Pan Jr. (May 2018). Downing has been a part of K2K Productions since its inception and isn't going anywhere. He sees the need and is excited to be a part of this growth for Oxford youth. Downing and Belleth will be working alongside Christina Canella (Artistic Movement Owner & Operator, Woodstock, ON) and Alex Baerg (professional musician, London, ON and performer in the National Broadway Tour 2013) who have a passion for young people.

Program registration for all grades will take place in June 2018. Forms will be available online mid-May. If interested in K2K's Senior Company, we ask that you submit your audition request form online and prepare for your audition and interview May 2018 (See <u>www.yfcwoodstock.com</u>). Follow us on facebook for more details.

"We want to continue to make a difference in young people's lives, provide opportunities for our current students and welcome others too," said Belleth. "We're pleased that with this expansion, we can make an intentional effort with local teens and help them thrive" said Belleth.

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